

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREHEARING

TO

GULF POWER COMPANY

OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 010827-EI

PETITION BY GULF POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASED POWER ARRANGEMENT REGARDING SMITH UNIT 3 FOR COST RECOVERY THROUGH RECOVERY CLAUSES DEALING WITH PURCHASED CAPACITY AND PURCHASED ENERGY.

ISSUED: August 7, 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission regarding the application of Gulf Power Company for approval of a purchased power arrangement with its affiliate, Southern Power, at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 5, 2001
4075 Esplanade Way
Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center
Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the petition of Gulf Power Company for approval of a purchased power agreement and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement. The Commission may also make a bench decision on the merits of the case.

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At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on August 24, 2001. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held before Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, regarding the above-referenced matter, at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m., Friday, August 24, 2001
4075 Esplanade Way
Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center
Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE

The purpose of this prehearing conference is: (1) to define and limit, if possible, the number of issues; (2) to determine the parties' positions on the issues; (3) to determine what facts, if any, may be stipulated; (4) to dispose of any motions or other matters that may be pending; and (5) to consider any other matters that may aid in the disposition of this case

Any person requiring some accommodation at this prehearing and hearing, because of a physical impairment should call the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

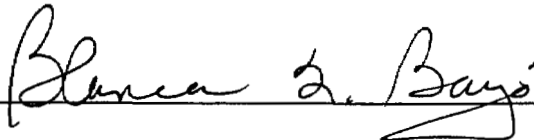
This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Chapters 25-6, 25-17, 25-22, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

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Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes, are applicable to this proceeding, as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-7, 25-17, 25-22, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 7th day of August, 2001.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Blanca S. Bayó", is written over a horizontal line.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk and
Administrative Services

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